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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of annotated drawings shows changes to Fig. 2a. The replacement sheet, which includes Fig. 2a, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2a.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-41 are pending, of which claims 14-24, 26-32 and 35-41 are withdrawn from consideration. Claim 2 is canceled.

FIG. 2a is amended to include reference numeral 27 explained in line 29, page 9 of the specification. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-6, 10-13, 25, 33, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Single (US 2002/0076071). Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Single. Applicant submits that all of the claims currently pending in this application are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the following reasons, and reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Amended independent claim 1 includes among other limitations, "wherein the magnet of the receiver component is replaceably removable from the receiver component," "wherein the magnet has at least one extension member that extends from the magnet or the casing for the magnet, said at least one extension member including at least part of the engagement surface," and "wherein the mounting has at least one recessed portion that includes at least part of the complementary engagement surface." Single does not disclose the above limitations.

First, Single does not teach that the magnet "is replaceably removable from the receiver component." Rather, the magnet 47 of Single "is held in the centre of the antenna coil 46 by the silicone moulding 48 surrounding the antenna coil 46." The magnet is "surgically removable" from the silicone moulding." (Paragraph [0068], lines 2-4 and 8-10, underlining added.). Since the magnet is held by the silicon moulding, it cannot be "replaceably removable," instead the magnet can only be surgically removed.

Second, Single does not disclose "the magnet [having] at least one extension member that extends from the magnet or the casing for the magnet." The magnet 47 of Single depicted in FIGs. 2, 2a, and 2b, and the related text, does not have any extension member that extends from the magnet or the casing for the magnet."

Third, Single does not teach "the mounting [having] at least one recessed portion that includes at least part of the complementary engagement surface." In the Office action, the Examiner construes the antenna coil 46 of Single as a ring member included in a mounting. (Office action, page 3, last two lines.). However, Single clearly defines element 46 as an antenna. This antenna is not the same as a "mounting" having a complementary engagement surface that is engageable with an engagement surface the implantable receiver component, as recited in claim 1. Even if the antenna coil 46 of Single could be construed as the above-mentioned "mounting," there is no "recessed portion that includes at least part of the complementary engagement surface" in the antenna 46 (alleged mounting).

Accordingly, the amended independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Single and therefore is patentable in view of the cited references.

Amended independent claim 25 includes among other limitations, "a ring mounting including an internal surface and a magnet releasably held within the internal surface of the ring mounting by one or more retaining devices."

As explained above, Single does not disclose a ring mounting including an internal surface, or a magnet releasably held within the internal surface of the ring mounting by one or more retaining devices. As a result, amended independent claim 25 is not anticipated by Single either.

Amended independent claim 33 includes among other limitations, "wherein the implantable receiver component is detachably connectable to an implantable tissue stimulator device and is configured to reconnect to the implantable tissue stimulator device, following detachment."

As discussed above, Single does not teach an implantable receiver component being detachably connectable to an implantable tissue stimulator device, or an implantable receiver component configured to reconnect to the implantable tissue stimulator device, following detachment. Therefore, amended independent claim 33 is not anticipated by Single either.

Claims 3-13 and 34 are dependent from allowable independent claims 1 and 33, respectively and therefore include all the limitations of their base claims and additional

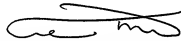
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limitations therein. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable over the cited references, as being dependent from an allowable independent claim and for the additional limitations they include therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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